

Amendments to the Claims:

The following Listing of Claims, in which deleted text appears ~~struck through~~ or ~~[[double-bracketed]]~~ and inserted text appears underlined, will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in this application.

Listing of the Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for transforming a monocotyledon, comprising a step of infecting a seed of the monocotyledon with an Agrobacterium~~[[.]]~~ which contains a desired recombinant gene, wherein the seed is a germinated seed which is germinated by being subjected to pre-culture with a medium containing a plant growth factor for 1 day ~~to 3 days~~ after sowing.
2. (Currently Amended) ~~[[A]]~~ The method according to claim 1, wherein the seed is an intact seed.
3. (Currently Amended) ~~[[A]]~~ The method according to claim 1, wherein the plant growth factor is auxin.
4. (Currently Amended) ~~[[A]]~~ The method according to claim 1, wherein the plant growth factor is 2,4-D.
5. (Currently Amended) ~~[[A]]~~ The method according to claim 1, wherein the monocotyledon is a plant of the family Gramineae.
6. (Currently Amended) ~~[[A]]~~ The method according to claim 5, wherein the plant of the family Gramineae is rice.